

Attorney Docket No. 175483

## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Feldbaû et al.

Serial No. 08/981,461

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For:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

AUTHENTICATING THE

DISPATCH AND CONTENTS OF

**DOCUMENTS** 

Group Art Unit: 2767

Examiner: Paul Callahan



## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box AF Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Action dated April 18, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

## In the Claims:

Please amend claims 64, and 149 as follows:

64. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for authenticating that certain information has been transmitted from a sender via a dispatcher to a recipient, the apparatus comprising:

means for providing a set A comprising a plurality of information elements a1,...,an, where said information element al is originated from the sender and comprising the contents of the information being electronically transmitted to said recipient, and said one or more information elements a2,...,an comprising dispatch-related information and comprise at least the following elements:

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a2 - a time indication associated with said dispatch; and